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European Patent Application No. EP0418708B1 and Japanese Patent Publication No. 06285786JP are both non-English documents; however, English abstracts are provided for each. As presently understood by the Applicant and undersigned, European Patent No. EP0418708B1 discloses an apparatus and process utilized for the remote-controlled positioning of an inspection device relative to an object under inspection through the use of a camera device.

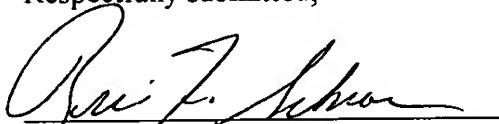
Japanese Patent Publication No. 06285786JP similarly utilizes a camera positioned in the vicinity of a robot to control the robot operation, whereby the camera's relative position to the robot is

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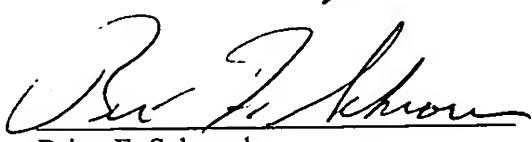


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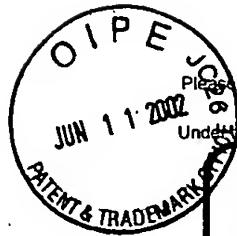
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